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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Son Nguyen-Kim et al.

Application No.: 10/541,157

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Art Unit: N/A

For: AMPHOLYTIC COPOLYMER AND USE
THEREOF

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 20, 2007 (Paper No. 6306), Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-29 for continued examination without traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I Claims 1-29, drawn to a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition.

Group II Claims 30-35, drawn to an amphotolytic copolymer.

The Examiner has further required an election of one disclosed species from each of the following groups.

Group I The anionic monomer (a), inclusive of the various species expressed in claims 8-10.

- Group II The cationic monomer (b), inclusive of the various monomers expressed in claim 12.
- Group III The unsaturated amide group-containing monomer (c), inclusive of the various monomers expressed in claim 14.
- Group IV The additional monomer (d), inclusive of the various disclosed monomers.
- Group V The component (g), inclusive of the various polymer species expressed in claim 6.
- Group VI A cosmetically acceptable carrier (B) and the additional additives, inclusive of the various species expressed in claims 27-28.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, a composition having:

Monomer (a) being acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid (claim 9);

Monomer (b) being dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide;

Monomer (c) being N-vinylpyrrolidone;

Monomer (d) being ester α,β -ethylenically unsaturated acids with C₈-C₃₀-alkanoles and C₈-C₃₀-alkanediols;

Component (g) being polyether acrylate; and

Carrier (B) being water.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13111-00023-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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